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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Announces Results Of Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Candidate Order On February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election Ballots

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election ballots. The results of the drawing are as follows:

1. W	8. D	15. S	22. J
2. H	9. I	16. P	23. R
3. T	10. C	17. O	24. K
4. L	11. B	18. Y	25. N
5. G	12. A	19. Q	26. F
6. E	13. X	20. Z	
7. U	14. V	21. M	

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), the order of names of presidential candidates on the ballot are arranged by the randomized alphabet, which applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their ballot listing order is determined by applying this randomized alphabet to the next letter(s) of their names. If last names of multiple candidates are the same, the randomized alphabet also applies to the first names.

Elections Code section 13111 specifies that the order of the names of presidential candidates rotate throughout the state by Assembly District, starting with District 1. In Assembly District 2, the candidate whose name appeared first in District 1 shifts to the bottom of the list and all other candidate names move up one slot. That gives every candidate the opportunity to have their name appear first on the ballot.

Today’s randomized alphabet drawing was held in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State’s office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff members drew the letters in a lottery-style drawing with witnesses from the media and public present.

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